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Girls Rock Camp Volunteer Application 2017

Thank you for your interest in volunteering! Girls Rock Camp is a summer day camp serving girls and transgender youth ages 9-17. During this week-long camp, the campers will form bands, write songs, make merchandise, and perform in an end of camp showcase. Each camper goes to instrument class (guitar, bass, keyboard, or drums), participates in daily workshops, and attends guided band practice sessions with experienced female, transgender, and gender non-conforming musicians. By sharing your skills, being rockin' role models, and fostering a positive and collaborative environment, volunteers like you empower our youth and transform our community!

Our camp will take place from **June 26 to June 30** at **North Charleston High School**. The showcase will take place on **July 1**. There is a mandatory volunteer orientation on **June 25** for new and returning volunteers.

Applications are due by May 20th.

Roll assignments will be sent out June 3.

Volunteer roll confirmation are due June 12.

Volunteer training is June 18 from 10 am-1 pm (an online training option will be available if you are unable to attend).

Volunteer orientation is July 25.

First day of camp is June 26!

Girls Rock Camp is a program of the Carolina Youth Action Project. CYAP is a grassroots nonprofit that uses music as a vehicle for social change and builds power among girls and transgender youth in Charleston, South Carolina. We develop feminist and anti-racist youth leaders through cultural organizing practices that blend music education, political education, and DIY media making.

Our Vision: We envision a Charleston in which girls and transgender youth...

- ★ Trust and support each other.
- ★ Create the images that represent them.
- ★ Recognize the power and pleasure of their own creativity.
- ★ Use music as a powerful way to communicate and exchange ideas.
- ★ Are encouraged to value collaboration and community over competition.
- ★ Have full control over their own bodies, sexualities, and reproductive health.
- ★ Are safe and encouraged to explore their identities.
- ★ Are able to bring every part of themselves into every moment and are continually affirmed in their wholeness.

- ★ Are valued in a collective community dialogue about what a safe community would look like for everyone.
- ★ We envision a Charleston where girlhood is a celebrated state of being.

Non-Discrimination Policy: Girls Rock Charleston values difference and does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, economic status, gender expression, size, physical ability, developmental ability, musical interests, learning styles, nationality, religion, thought, citizenship status, or sexual orientation in the administration of its educational programs, admissions policies, and other camp-related policies and programs, as well as volunteer and employment related policies and activities.

We feel strongly about ensuring that camp is accessible to anyone who wants to share their summer with us and our amazing rockers. If you think you may not be able to volunteer due to financial restraints, time commitments, or child care needs but you would still like to be a part of Girls Rock Charleston summer camp, please contact us so we can accommodate your needs.

Volunteer Information

Name: _____

(The name you go by! This doesn't have to be your legal name)

Preferred Gender Pronouns: _____

(She/her/hers, he/him/his, they/them/theirs)

Date of Birth: _____

(Must be 18+)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Preferred Method of Contact: _____ **E-mail** _____ **Phone** _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

T-shirt Size: _____

Why do you want to volunteer for Girls Rock Charleston?

What identities are important to you?

We recognize that people are coming to Girls Rock Charleston from a multitude of identities and experiences. We would love to know who is coming to camp and what identities are important to our volunteers. For example: immigrant, person of color [black, latinx, asian, indigenous], working class, genderqueer/Two-Spirit, LGBTQ, artist/musician, parent/caregiver, femme, butch, boi, etc.

Are you interested in facilitating one-on-one conversations around race, gender, and identity?

What experience do you have working with young people, if any?

What skills and talents will you bring to camp, music related or otherwise (artistic abilities, special child related skills, cooking skills, etc...)?

What language(s) do you speak other than English?

Do you have any experience working with LGBTQ youth, low income youth, or youth with special needs?

Please indicate if you are CPR certified, a licensed nurse, or licensed counselor.

Have you volunteered with Girls Rock Charleston or any other Girls Rock Camps before?

If you are traveling from out of town, would you like assistance finding a host?

_____ Yes _____ No

If you are from the area, can you host any people from out of town? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, how many people can you host? _____

Do you need childcare during camp? If so please provide the names and ages of children (children must be under camp age, 9 years old).

Would you be able to help provide transportation for campers or other volunteers to and from camp?

Do you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? Please include if you have food allergies, are gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan, or lactose-free.

Do you have any differences in ability and/or medical conditions that you want to let us know about?

How did you hear about Girls Rock Charleston?

We need to do a background check to ensure that none of our volunteers have been involved in crimes that put the safety of young people at risk. Other charges will not prohibit you from being able to volunteer with our program. Please sign here to consent to CYAP conducting a background check to ensure the safety of our youth.

Availability

Please indicate the days and times between 7:30am-6:00pm you are available to volunteer:
There will be a **mandatory*** volunteer orientation on **Sunday, June 25 from 2 pm-6 pm.**

***All volunteers, new and returning, must attend the volunteer orientation!**

Load In: Friday 6/23	
Load In: Saturday 6/24	
Volunteer Orientation: 6/25	Mandatory 2 pm-6 pm
Monday 6/26	
Tuesday 6/27	
Wednesday 6/28	
Thursday 6/29	
Friday 6/30	
Saturday 7/1 (Showcase day!)	
Load Out: Monday 7/3	

Roles!!

Please indicate which position(s) you are interested in by checking all that apply (you may be able to be on more than one team, depending on the scheduling demands of the team and your availability):

What age group do you prefer to work with?

- Littles, 9-11
- Biggles, 12-17
- No preference!

- I am specifically interested in working with youth with special needs.

Load in and Load out - June 23rd, 24th, and July 3rd

We need help transporting gear and materials to our camp space, setting up, decorating, and cleaning up when it's all over. It's the heavy lifting behind the scenes that makes camp happen! (indicate with yes or no)

- _____ I can help move gear and carry heavy boxes and equipment!
(June 23)
- _____ I can help organize and decorate! (June 24)
- _____ I can help clean up and move materials out of the school!
(July 3)

Counselors - Must be available M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday Showcase

No music experience necessary!

Counselors will assist Band Coaches by fulfilling the role of emotional guide for a band of campers. You'll encourage campers to participate in assemblies and workshops, make sure campers are where they need to be, and offer emotional support and guidance throughout the day. Helpful skills: experience working with youth, creative collaboration, patience, a sense of humor, a love for feelings, and proficiency with languages other than English.

_____ Ready for baby feminist emotions!

Part time counselors - Schedule based on your availability

No music experience necessary!

If you are interested in participating as a counselor but cannot commit to the full week of camp, this role is for you. You will not be assigned to a specific group of campers but will be asked to sit in on a class, workshop, or band practice as needed. You may also be asked to spend time with campers who need a break from their busy schedule or help with other tasks at camp as needed!

_____ I can support when available!

Feelings Team - Schedule based on your availability

No music experience necessary!

Youth experience necessary!

If you are interested in being a counselor and have experience working with youth as a mediator, have skills in de-escalating situations, and feel comfortable supporting youth who are struggling at camp, this is the perfect role for you! Some campers struggle to fit in, feel comfortable, or get along with their fellow rockers and need a kind, patient volunteer to help them navigate camp. Think of this as an on-call counselor role!

_____ I am ready to help struggling campers reach their full rocking potential!

Band Coaches - Must be available M-F 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday Showcase.

Band Coaches will work with counselors to guide a band of campers through the challenges of being in a band. This includes setting-up gear, songwriting, tuning, playing their instruments, creative collaboration, naming the band, making band merch, and many other band activities. Band Coaches must have musical experience! Helpful skills: musical experience, experience setting up and trouble shooting gear, working with youth, and proficiency with languages other than English.

_____ Yes Please!!

Instrument Instructor - Must be available M-F 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Instructors are responsible for planning lessons for two groups of 3-5 students, teaching skills and techniques, and creating a supportive learning environment for the campers. Helpful skills: epic music experience, working with youth, knowledge and creativity in accommodating differently abled youth, and proficiency in languages other than English.

Please indicate which instrument you would prefer to teach (Electric Guitar, Electric Bass, Drum Kit, Keyboards). If you are able to teach more than one, please number them in order of preference (1 being the most desirable). Please describe your skill level and indicate if you would prefer to teach beginner or advanced classes.

_____ I want to help campers bring the NOISE!

Instrument:	Skill Level: circle one		Preference:			
Electric Guitar	beginner	advanced	1	2	3	4
Keyboards	beginner	advanced	1	2	3	4
Drum Kit	beginner	advanced	1	2	3	4
Electric Bass	beginner	advanced	1	2	3	4

Food Team - This role is flexible!

No one is hungry at Rock Camp! The Food Team will collect donations from businesses and skillful individuals in the area to provide a lush array of food to feed some campers and all volunteers breakfast and lunch throughout the week, provide snacks for youth throughout camp and at the showcase, and provide lunch for volunteer orientation. This is also the team behind the constant flow of coffee and tea. Helpful skills: a driver's license, a car, organizational skills, vegan side-dish making, and ability to make a spread of free food look real fresh and fancy using fabric, handmade signs, spikes, fake flowers and excess sparkles! Times are flexible because there's plenty to do. We need folks to pick up donations from restaurants downtown (there will be early morning and afternoon pick up times), help prep breakfast (7 am - 8 am), help prep lunch (11 am - 12 noon), and help clean up all day long.

_____ I was born to feed the feminist masses!

Roadie Team - There is a lot of schedule flexibility with this role. M-F varying times from 9:30-4:30.

The Roadie team will set up, break down, and move equipment throughout the week. They will keep track of the whereabouts of all music equipment, find that missing cable, restring the guitar, and troubleshoot that amp with a ton of feedback. Helpful skills: An ability to lift heavy equipment, knowledge of music equipment and butch/hardfemme realness.

_____ Down to beast a bass amp!

Childcare - There is a lot of flexibility with this role. M-F varying times from 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Take care of the young children of other volunteers at camp. Plan activities, do crafts, and maybe host a jam session with the little ones.

_____ I'm down to hang with the kids!

Workshop Leader/Art Project Leader - Must be available either M, T, W, Th or F 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. OR 1:30 p.m. to 4:30. Let us know about your availability and we'll work with you.

We need volunteers interested in leading workshops on topics related to arts & activism, feminism/social justice, music, empowerment, DIY, and media. These workshops will be one and a half hours in length. Some workshops may be taught twice a day or last more than one session. Workshops are usually co-taught. An organizer will be contacting you individually to discuss your workshop ideas further - tell us your ideas in the space below!

_____ Pumped to lead a workshop!

_____ I would love to lead an art project or craft!

Please describe your workshop or art project idea:

Screen Printing Pro - Must be available Thursday

We need experienced screen printers (or artists committed to learning) to help prepare camper logos and screens, and guide campers through the process of printing their shirts. We also need volunteers (with or without experience) to cut out camper designs, heat set t-shirts, and clean screens after printing.

_____ Ready to screen print!

Showcase Team - Must be available Saturday, July 1. Availability during the week, or even earlier is a plus! Volunteers may engage at different levels on this team.

Prior to the Showcase, the showcase team will help GRC organizers promote the showcase via fliers, press release, and phone calls, will create the showcase programs starting Wednesday of camp, coordinate band photos for those programs, and print those programs. On the day of the showcase, volunteers will work merch and info tables, sell tickets, fold programs, guide camper bands as they go on stage and help ensure that all aspects of the showcase concert run smoothly. Helpful skills: design and computer skills, ability to get people amped, and organizing skills.

_____ Yes! This is my Jam!

Hub Team - There is a lot of flexibility with this role. M-F varying times from 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The Hub Team is an amorphous blob of frill seekers, kid-keeper-trackers, momsperts, and hardware store-runners! The hub team assists with the check-in and check-out of campers every day, monitors visitors, is available for phone calls & emergencies, coordinates in-camp communication, gives directions, answers questions, and sells showcase tickets. They are also responsible for the overall feeling of power, solidarity and fierceness at camp. Helpful skills: creativity, organizational skills, proficiency talking with parents.

_____ Ready to get my frill on!

If you think you can help in another capacity or if you have any questions at all, please let us know! We are so excited about your interest in Girls Rock Charleston!